

REPRESENTATIVE TERESE BERCEAU

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BIPARTISAN EFFORT MAKES WISCONSIN'S ROADS SAFER

Chemicals Used for "Huffing" Added to Prohibited Intoxicants

MADISON – Representative Terese Berceau (D – Madison) released the following statement today after the Wisconsin Senate adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 62, a bill she co-authored with Assembly Representative Garrey Bies (R-Sister Bay):

Last year, a 40-year old woman, "intoxicated" on a chemical commonly found in air spray cans, narrowly missed hitting a minivan before crashing her car into a ditch in Oshkosh. Deputies took the woman, who was confused and lacked memory of the crash, to the hospital where she was cited with her third offense of driving while intoxicated. Unfortunately, the charge was thrown out as a loophole in our drunken driving laws doesn't define the chemical she was "high" on as an intoxicant. That loophole was slammed closed today.